



Technical Standard Order

**Subject: TSO-C63c, AIRBORNE WEATHER AND GROUND MAPPING
PULSED RADARS**

a. Applicability.

(1) Minimum Performance Standard. This Technical Standard Order (TSO) prescribes the minimum performance standard that Airborne Weather and Ground Mapping Pulsed Radars must meet in order to be identified with the applicable TSO marking. This TSO has been prepared in accordance with the procedural rules set forth in Subpart O of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 21. New models of Airborne Weather and Ground Mapping Pulsed Radars that are to be so identified and that are manufactured on or after the date of this TSO must meet the standards set forth in Section Two, Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA) Document No. DO-173, "Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Airborne Weather and Ground Mapping Pulsed Radars," dated November 1980, as amended and supplemented by this TSO.

(2) Additions.

(i) In addition to paragraph 2.0, Airborne Weather and Ground Mapping Radar Requirements, of Section Two of RTCA Document No. DO-173, all materials used must meet the applicable requirements of Part 25, Appendix F of the FAR effective May 1, 1972.

(ii) Controls which are not normally adjusted in flight shall not be readily accessible to flight personnel.

(iii) If the equipment design implementation includes a digital computer, the computer software package must be validated and verified in a manner acceptable to the Administrator. An acceptable means of compliance for validation and verification of the computer software package is contained in RTCA DO-178, "Software Considerations in Airborne Systems and Equipment Certification," November 18, 1981.

(iv) Under normal operation conditions, the installed equipment shall not create a radiation hazard to flight crew personnel.

(3) Environmental Standard. RTCA Document No. DO-173 incorporates as a reference RTCA Document No. DO-160A, "Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment," dated January 1980. The conditions and procedures prescribed in RTCA Document No. DO-160A are to be utilized.

b. Marking.

(1) In addition to the marking specified in FAR § 21.607(d), the following information shall be legibly and permanently marked on the major equipment components:

(i) The environmental categories in which it has been qualified to operate in accordance with RTCA document DO-160A.

(ii) The class of equipment relative to the declared range performance in accordance with the requirements of RTCA DO-173:

Class	Range (NM)
1	25
2	50
3	75
4	100
5	125
6	150
7	Over 150

(2) Each separate component of equipment that is manufactured under this TSO (antenna, receiver, controller, etc.) must be permanently and legibly marked with at least the name of the manufacturer, the TSO number, digital computer software version (if applicable), and the environmental categories over which it has been tested.

c. Data Requirements.

(1) In addition to FAR § 21.605, the manufacturer must furnish the Manager, Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), having purview of the manufacturer's facilities, one copy each of the following technical data:

- (i) Operating instructions.
- (ii) Equipment limitations.
- (iii) Installation procedures and limitations.
- (iv) Schematic drawings as applicable to the installation Procedures.
- (v) Wiring diagrams as applicable to the installation procedures.

(vi) Specifications.

(vii) List of the major components (by part number) that make up the equipment system complying with the standards prescribed in this TSO.

(viii) Manufacturer's TSO qualification test report.

(ix) Nameplate drawing.

(2) In addition to those data requirements that are to be furnished directly to the FAA, each manufacturer must have available for review by the Manager, ACO having purview of the manufacturer's facilities the following technical data:

(i) A drawing list, enumerating all the drawings and processes that are necessary to define the article design.

(ii) The functional test specification to be used to test each production article to ensure compliance with this TSO.

(iii) Equipment calibration procedures.

(iv) Corrective maintenance procedures (within 12 months after TSO authorization).

(v) Schematic drawings.

(vi) Wiring diagrams.

d. Data to be furnished with manufactured units. One copy of the data and information specified in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (vii) of this TSO and instructions for periodic maintenance and calibration which are necessary for continued airworthiness must go to each person receiving for use one or more articles manufactured under this TSO.

e. Previously Approved Equipment. Airborne weather radar equipment approved prior to the date of this TSO may continue to be manufactured under the provisions of the original approval.

f. Availability of Reference Documents.

(1) Copies of RTCA Document Nos. DO-173, DO-178, and DO-160A may be purchased from the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics Secretariat, One McPherson Square, Suite 500, 1425 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

(2) Federal Aviation Regulations Part 21, Subpart O, and Advisory Circular 20-110, "Index of Aviation Technical Standard Orders," may be reviewed at the FAA

Headquarters in the Office of Airworthiness, Aircraft Engineering Division (AWS-110), and at all regional ACO's.

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